

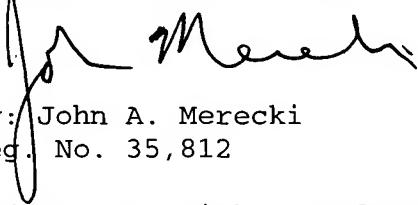
Remarks

Claims 1, 2, and 6 remain pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3-5 have been cancelled.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-referenced patent application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that any further discussion of the invention would be helpful, perhaps in the form of an Examiner's Amendment, Applicants' representative is available at (518) 449-0044, and earnestly solicits such discussion.

Respectfully submitted,



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